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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 9, 2009, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to file this response, extending the due date for response to February 9, 2010. Furthermore, in view of the official closing of the Federal government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), from Monday, February 8, 2010 through Thursday, February 11, 2010, the USPTO has announced that it will consider each day from Monday, February 8, 2010 through Thursday, February 11, 2010,

to be a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. § 21(b) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6, 1.7, and 1.9. Accordingly, the present response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is considered as timely as it is submitted on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO is open (i.e., February 12, 2010). See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.7(a).

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the one-month extension fee for a large entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to the account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-73986. However, if the present response submission with a one-month extension fee is not considered to be timely, Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time and the Director is hereby authorized to charge a two-month extension fee for a large entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to the account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-73986.

Applicants believe that no other fees are required with this response. However, if any other fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge those fees to the account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-73986.

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